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SUBJECT: MOBIL OIL PROBLEMS IN TURKEY

REF: (A) ANKARA 1938, (B) ISTANBUL 0917, (C) ISTANBUL 0648

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF MOBIL OIL CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (EUR) BARBOUR MAY 10 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF PROBLEMS COMPANY IS EXPERIENCING IN TURKEY AND TO REQUEST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

2. DETAILS OF MOBIL PRESENTATION WERE ALONG LINES REFTELS. MOBIL INDICATED THEY EXPECT AN ORDER TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER MAY 28 EXPIRATION OF NINETY DAY WARNING PERIOD RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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VOKING THEIR REFINERY CERTIFICATE. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT ANY SUBSEQUENT REMEDIAL ACTION WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW LAWS PROVIDING FOR 51 PERCENT HOLDING BY TURKISH PARTNER.

3. EMB SHOULD APPROACH MFA AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH PROBLEM AND

REQUEST THEIR REVIEW OF GOT DEALINGS WITH MOBIL. WE DO NOT EXPECT EMBASSY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DETAILS, BUT EMB SHOULD ASK MINISTRIES TO ASCERTAIN THAT GOT ACTION IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST US FIRM, AND WILL NOT LEAD TO LOSS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS WITHOUT PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPEN-

SATION. FURTHERMORE, EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND MINISTRIES THAT ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN TURKISH EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THEIR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IS INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE. GOT DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS ALREADY OPERATING IN TURKEY MAY WELL INFLUENCE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF EXTERNAL CREDIT. IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS USEFUL, YOU MAY ALSO NOTE THAT WHATEVER ACTION IS TAKEN ON MOBIL CASE COULD HAVE IMPACT ON FUTURE TURKISH EFFORTS TO SECURE FOREIGN INVESTMENT, WHICH, AS GOT KNOWS, US THINKS WILL BE USEFUL SOURCE OF LONG TERM CAPITAL.

4. ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE EMB SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INITIATE DISCUSSION OF US LEGISLATION WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS APPLICABLE. IF ASKED, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND BUT THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD ONLY TAKE A POSITION ON A SPECIFIC SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT USG WOULD HOPE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT, AND THAT TO THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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END, GOT MAY WISH AT MINIMUM TO CONSIDER DELAYING BEYOND MAY 28 ANY IRREVOCABLE ACTION.

6. MOBIL HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT THEY HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT REQUESTING A MEETING AT HIS CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. VANCE

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